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#### HAWAIIAN MARITIME HISTORY.

#### Brief Sketch of Noted Vessels and Commanders In Development of the Coasting Service of the Hawaiian Islands.

(Conclusion.)

(From Thrum's Annual.) NOTED COASTERS.

The schooner "S. S." of 87 tons, is entered in the list referred to as Thomas King's, and was one of the noted and formerly named the Mary, built in Java, coming here, we believe, from China and for quite a period did foreign service between Honolulu, Tahiti and San Francisco under Molteno's command, Captain King in his command of her in the coasting trade became very popular with the traveling public. H. S. Swinton, John Neddles, Rye & Chadwick, George Charman and others figure as successive owners of the "S. S." during her coasting experience. She was finally lost at Wailua, Oahu, about 1857.

The Haalilio, of 75 tons, was another oted vessel of her time. She was formerly the British schooner Chinchilla, nd was sold to the government by Wm. Vond, in May, 1845. Her time of arrival, whence she came, has not been learnd, but she did faithful service as a windward packet for many years, ending her days, we believe, in this port about 860. In her palmy days the Haalilio was commanded by "Admiral John Hall," a This title was conferred or asfrom his having charge of the largest coaster. "For cause" he had been deposed from government service. An early resident writing of him says: "It must have been as good as a circus to see him in uniform epaulets, Kamehameha buttons and gold lace, boarding foreign man-of-war on its arrival, and saying: "Me Admiral John Hall. See my ship?" pointing to the Kamehameha III., "suppose you want clothes wash, my wife do it." It was a treat to hear him tell of his trial by court-martial, the stripping off of his epaulets, etc., and how he expected to be hung. There seems to have been a desire to

perpetuate the memory of early high chiefs, or favorites, among names given the coasting vessels, for we find certain ones continually cropping up or re-appearing on a craft of different rig or dimensions. This has caused us no little care to guard against confusion or error, as for instance, reference has already been made to the brig Keoni Ana, William Paty owner. In the Custom House register a schooner of this name, of 106 tons, stands No. 1, with the same party as owner; doubtless the same vessel with change of rig. No. 206 is a schooner of vessel changed to native hands and ran was finally lost off Mahinauli, Kauai, by

sinking in deep water. THE BASILISK.

to note the arrival of H. B. M. ketch Basilisk, Captain Hunt, in the latter part of 1843, from Valparaiso. She made a trip to San Blas and back, then left for Bitcairn's Island. She returned to this port August 24, 1844, and was condemned and sold. Jas. Robinson & Co. bought and rebuilt her, and in 1847 sold her to H. Sea, who registers her as the herm. were successive owners, her name being brig Wilhelmine, of 156 tons. Captain Jas. Makee purchased her in January, 1848, and in December of the following year sold her to Theo. Metcalf and Thos. King for \$6,500. Other vessels of Captain King's interest were the schooners Rialto, of 79 tons, built at Essex, Maine, which arrived here in 1849 and did good service on various inter-island occasionally taking a coast trip, till in February, 1857, she was lost at ing year B. Pitman becomes the owner Francisco; also the Privateer, a small plied as a windward packet on various vessel of 63 tons, with pained ports, routes, with occasional trips to Kauai, brought here from Hongkong in July, and for her years in service could boast 1849, but built at Natino, East Indies, in of more owners than generally falls to 1840. In 1850 we find the schooner Juno the average craft; for besides the two of 1291/2 tons registered in the names of above mentioned, there was R. Robin-Thos. King and Theo. Metcalf, a vessel son & J. A. Simmons in 1852, Jas. Daworiginally built at Gighton, Mass., in 1830 son and Paniani in 1853, D. Fredison and and rebuilt at Sippican in 1847. Captain T. E. Cook & P. H. Treadway in 1856. King subsequently owned the schooners A. K. Ciark & O. H. Gulick in 1858, and Maria and Odd Fellow, and held interests later to E. W. Clark & S. L. Austin.

CAPTAIN HOBRON AND HIS VES-SELS.

During the California "gold fever" period, 1849-50, there was a thriving trade carried on between San Francisco and ooth Honolulu and Lahaina for island produce, and the best of the coasters were put in service. It is at this time that we first find reference to the schooner Maria and her Captain, the late T. H. Hobron, by her arrival at Lahaina, from San Francisco, June 7, 1850. She made several trips back and forth, still under American colors, occasionally making pop visits to Honolulu, till January 14, 1851, she registered as a Hawaiian vessel. She was Baltimore built, of 931/2 tons, and with her Captain became a great favorite with the traveling public in her career as a regular Lahaina packet. Sometime after the arrival of Capt. Hobron's new schooner Ka Moi (Sovereign) the Maria sailed foreign again under the American flag, G. W. Mavy being named as owner. In 1855 she is back again under the ownership of King and Louzada. Shortly afterwards Captain King becomes the sole owner. This vessel was subsequently lost at Ebon in February, 1863, at which time J. C. King, F. Molteno and S. Savidge were the registered owners. From her wreck a small schooner of 27 tons was built, which arrived and registered here under name, with Hoffschlaeger and Stapenhorst, owners, but she was short lived. A smaller schooner of the same name, of but 10 tons is of record in 1846, and another again in 1868, which we will deal with later.

Captain Hobron, from his experience eign, of 126 tons, built at New London, trade, Captain Hobron bought the Ameri- J. C. King.

at Stonington, Conn., and put her in the

Kauai trade under the name of Moi Wahine, though we find her occasionally in service to windward. Captain Hobron sold or exchanged the Moi Wahine with L. Haalelea, for the Grove Ranch property, on Maui, of some 2,500 acres. R. B. Armstrong and L. Severance were favorite vessels of her days. She was subsequent owners, and they in turn were succeeded by John Meek, S. C. Allen and O. Harris & J. Dawson. She was finally lost at sea in 1868, en route for Wake's Island. Shortly after the Ka Moi's arrival, in 1854, Captain Hobron took about 40 shipwrecked passengers to San Francisco, making the passage in 13 days. Returning here she was continued in the coasting trade on the route as already stated until her loss at Kaunakakai, Molokai, under charge of Captain West in 1873, and in the wrecking of her a few months later, the Moi Keiki shared the same fate. Of Captain Hobron's other marine ventures we will treat later. THE WARWICKS AND THEIR FATE. In July, 1850, we find the schooner War-

> wick of 181/2 tons registered to N. F. Sayre & S. G. Harzard. This little vessel was imported in the ship Eliza Warwick the month previous. Captain Hobron bought her in 1851 and employed her in the Maui and Molokai trade. She was sold in 1856 to J. F. Colburn, then to J. H. Cole, E. Jones, Minister of Interior and J. I. Dowsett, successively till 1867, when on September 7th, she went ashore on S. W. point of Kauai. Another schooner took her name and Molokai route immediately, for in 1868 the following account of a trip of the Warwick is given: "Left Honolulu for Molokal with Rev. A. O. Forbes as the only foreign passenger on board; neared the bluff of Kapaliokaholo the same day; here the wind died away and during the night the vessel drifted out of sight of land. Drifted thus for three days, food and water getting low, when we fell in with the bark Mauna Loa, with lumber for this port, who aided us and directed us on our course." An almost similar experience befell the same vessel the following year, leaving this port February 6th, and returning "from sea" on the 11th. A namesake was built by Messrs, D. & T. R. Foster shortly after this for Captain Jacob Brown of the Pele, who continued her as the regular Molokai packet till, leaving Honolulu in January, 1882, for her regular port of Kalaupapa, she was never afterward heard from.

THE NAHIENAENA'S. In February of 1851 was registered the schooner Nahienaena, of 421/2 tons, to 781/2 tons, of the same name, formerly the Wm. Ellis. This vessel was built at American schooner James Franklin, built Pittwater, Van Dieman's Land in 1840. at Baltimore, and sold by M. and A. and arrived here under the name of Vic-Kinkead to C. A. Taner. This vessel toria. Her coasting experience was brief, trade, with name changed to La Union, year. Shortly afterward, October, 1851, Esquimaux in December, 1853. Some is registered as the Harriet Nahienaena, in June, 1862, her register was returned of Captain A. P. Brickwood she was Keoni Ana appears again for a 25 tons er rig, and mounted several guns. She schooner of which Reuben Taber is reg- is referred to as a fine model and preistered owner in October, 1854, formerly senting a commendable appearance. She the American schooner Young Ely. This was sent to Sydney via Tahiti for sale, October 2, 1852, in charge of M. M. Webfor a long period on the Kauai route, and ster, who returned her charter May 17, 1853. Webster on his return opened and for several years conducted the Commercial Livery Stables. In 1864, the name of Nahienaena again appears, when Kame-We must retrace our narrative again hameha V. bought the Oldenburg brigantine Hans, of 197 tons, and registered her under the Hawaiian flag. She was termed the King's yacht, and is not remembered for handsomeness of model, or elegance of fittings; still, she served as

a royal plaything under the command of

"Admiral" Abe Russell for a short time.

F. S. Pratt, and the late T. R. Foster

changed to the Blossom. She was sub-

sequently broken up in this port. THE KINOOLE AND HER OWNERS. November 22, 1850, there arrived from San Francisco the Auckland, N. Z., built topsail schooner Post Boy, of 44 tons. Before the close of the month she was sold to a native known as Philip Nation who registered and ran her for a time under her foreign name. In the follow-Kauai, while loading for San and changes the name to Kinoole. She She was finally wrecked on Niihau,

August 24, 1860. THE PAUAHIS AND ILL-FATED

KAMAMALU. May 6, 1850, the British schooner Wanderer, of 42 tons, arrived here from Tahiti, and was purchased by M. Kekuanaoa who registered her under the name of Pauahi. This also was a New Zealand built vessel. March 31, 1851, her name is changed to the W. P. Lelelohoku, but on the 4th of October of the same year she was lost in the channel between Oahu and Kauai. January, 1851, Kekuanaoa registers another Pauahi, formerly the British schooner Chas. Wilson of 63 tons, built at Whampoa, China. In the summer of 1854 she was hauled up by Messrs. Emmes & Johnson, shipwrights, and repaired and enlarged to 74 tons. On launching she was named by John Ii the Kamamalu, and under his agency served as a regular windward packet till her loss in 1857. She left this port under native command for Hilo, March 13, touching at Lahaina, having a full cargo and some 70 souls on board. She arrived at Lahaina all right and discharged some, and took in other freight and passengers and proceeded on her course, but after passing out into the Hawali channel she was never more seen, nor any fragment of her wreck She is supposed to have capsized in a squall and sunk probably with all hanus

THE LIHOLIHO.

Early in the "fifties" the schooner Liholiho was the crack Hilo packet. touching regularly at Lahaina en route, as in fact did all the windward packets in those cays. This vessel was formerwith the Maria, had the schooner Sover- ly the American schooner B. F. Allen. then changed to the British schooner Conn., expressly for the island trade in Matchless. S. H. Halsey originally en-1853. She arrived out here April 10, 1854, tered her for the coasting trade, but under command of Captain Godbee, 120 sold her in February, 1000 to T. H. Hobdays passage. She was immediately put ron; he to C. C. Harris & Warren Goodinto the Maul trade under her native ale in April of the same year. In 1858 name Ka Moi, and with her companion. C. C. Harris becomes sole owner. November, Moi Keiki, two years later (former-ber, 1859, Ahyoung obtains an interest, ly the American pilot boat Favorite of San Francisco), of 38½ tons, served as regular 'packets between Honolulu and Lahaina and Kahului for many years.

While the Ka Moi and Moi Keiki were establishing the regular of the fieet, being of 149 tons, and proved a profitable carrier in the palmy days when "pulu" was king, in establishing themselves in the Maul the hands of L. Swain, Abel Harris and can schooner Excel, of 81% tons, built

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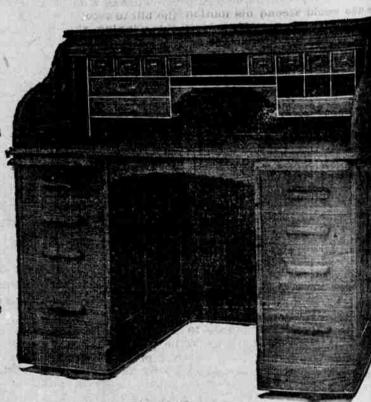
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